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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 August 2008.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 2-11, 13-15, 18 and 19 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 2-11, 13-15 and 18-19 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:

- Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
- Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
- Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5) Notice of Informal Patent Application

6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 8/28/2008 has been entered.
2. Claims 18 and 19 are new.
3. Claims 1, 12, 16-17 are cancelled.
4. Claims 2-11, 13-15 and 18-19 are pending.

Response to Amendment

5. The objection of the specification has been withdrawn due to the amendment.
6. The objection of claim 9 has been withdrawn due to the amendment.

Response to Arguments

7. Applicant's arguments have been fully considered but are moot in view of new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

8. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the

art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

9. Claims 2-8, 10-11, 13-15 and 18-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. The examiner cannot find any disclosure in the specification regarding “a list of all mobile devices participating in the software application”.

10. Claim 9 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The examiner cannot find any disclosure in the specification regarding “the first unique identifier maintains a list of unique identifiers identifying resources that are currently installed on the at least one computing device with respect to the software application”

11. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

12. Claims 2-8, 10-11, 13-15 and 18-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

13. Consider claim 5, the claim recites mobile device on line 5. There was previously the mobile device on line 4. It is not clear whether these two are the same. Correction is required.

14. Consider claims 5, 10, 18-19, the claims recite “collective behavior of a mobile device”. There is no meaningful interpretation found for “collective behavior of a mobile device” in the specification. It is vague what is meant by “collective behavior of a mobile device”. Correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

15. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

16. Claims 18, 19, 2, 3, 13, 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sudharshana et al. (OTA Mobile Device Software Development, hereafter Sudharshana), in view of Multer et al. (US 2002/0040369, hereafter Multer)

17. For claim 18, Sudharshana discloses a method for representing a distributed software application comprising:

deploying a distributed application in a network, the distributed application governing collective behavior of computing device(s) (3.2, application version can be distributed to a particular type of device), the computing device(s) having respective resources for the distributed application (3.8, patch profile, versions and resource information, versions and software applications on the mobile equipment ME)

storing information: a list of all resources necessary for the distributed application (3.8, Version and Resource Information, 3.9, all available resources for installation of the patch for each application), and a list of all computing devices participating in the distributed application with respective resources for the distributed application installed thereon (fig. 2, 3.9, Management Information Base in the server, storing information for each terminal ME, and accordingly patches that the ME needs to download)

managing all resources for the distributed application and automatically configuring the computing device(s) using the stored information (3.11, automatically generating a patch to be installed on a ME using the stored MIB information), including generating a resource identifier for a respective resource to be installed on a respective computing device from the stored information (fig. 2, 3.11, patch generator generates a unique ID to a new patch generated—resources to be installed on the ME) and an identifier of the respective computing device (3.11, ME ID).

Sudharshana does not disclose storing an application descriptor (the stored information) for the distributed application.

However, Multer discloses using an object hierarchy data structure to maintain association among devices, applications and application resources (folders, items, and item fields) (fig. 12, 13, [0241]).

It would have been obvious for one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings of Sudharshana and Multer to implement an application descriptor as a data structure as disclosed by Multer to efficiently manage device-specific application resources.

18. Claim 19 is rejected for the same rationale as in claim 18.

19. For claims 2, Sudharshana-Multer further discloses the application descriptor is stored at a network node, the network node performing administrative tasks with respect to the distributed application (Sudharshana, fig. 2, 3.9, 3.11, MIB in management server for deploying patches for applications to mobile equipments, Multer, fig. 9B, data center for synchronization).

20. For claims 3, Sudharshana-Multer further discloses the application descriptor is used for at least one of configuration, deployment of the distributed application (Sudharshana, fig. 2, 3.9, 3.11, MIB in management server for deploying patches for applications to mobile equipments).

21. Claims 13 and 14 are rejected for the same rationale as in claims 2 and 3 respectively.

22. Claims 4 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sudharshana and Multer, further in view of Caufield et al. (US 2007/0177571, hereafter Caufield)

23. For claims 4, Sudharshana-Multer does not explicitly disclose the distributed application is installed on a network including an application server, a middleware server and a mobile device.

Caufield discloses disclose the distributed application is installed on a network including an application server, a middleware server and a mobile device (Caufield, fig. 1, application server, access server and mobile device)

It would have been obvious for one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings of Sudharshana, Multer and Caufield so that deployment scheme of Sudharshana-Multer can be applied to a network structure of Caufield so that the system is more reliable by having better scalability and fail over capability.

24. Claim 15 is rejected for the same rationale as in claim 4.

25. Claims 5-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chasman et al. (US 2007/0180075, hereafter Chasman), in view of Caufield, further in view of Sudharshana.

26. For claim 5, Chasman discloses a method for representing a software application operating within a mobile environment, the software application including collective behavior of a mobile device a middleware server and a backend server comprising: specifying a behavior for the mobile device (fig. 4, receiving update request including user inputs at the device);

determining at least one first resource to be associated with mobile device, at least one second resource to be associated with the middleware server and at least one third resource to be associated with the backend server as a function of the specified behavior for the mobile device (fig. 4 and 7, [0024], [0031], identifiers for resources (versions of application objects) at the mobile device, the application server and the master database, after receiving the update request, determining resource or data to be synchronized by comparing the update request with the master database and send the synchronized data to the client device);

Chasman does not explicitly disclose:

storing an application descriptor, the application descriptor describing the association between the first resource, the second resource, the third resource and, respectively, the mobile device, the middleware server and the backend server;

However, Caufield discloses:

storing an application descriptor, the application descriptor describing the association between the first resource, the second resource, the third resource and, respectively, the mobile device, the middleware server and the backend server ([0024] lines 1-7, [0028] lines 6-21, [0026], association between the user ID and device ID and component or resources that the user device is allowed to synchronize with the master database)

Therefore, it would have been obvious for one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings of Chasman and Caufield to utilize the role-device-component relationships of Caufield to allow users and devices to efficiently access resources in the synchronization process.

Chasman-Caufield does not disclose a list of all mobile devices participating in the software application and resources that are currently installed on respective mobile devices with respect to software application.

However, Sudharshana discloses a list of all mobile devices participating in the software application and resources that are currently installed on respective mobile devices with respect to software application (fig. 2, 3.8, Version and resource information, 3.9, Management Information Base (MIB) in the server, storing information for each mobile equipment ME, and accordingly version and resource information of ME application so that patches or resources can be generated for deployment to each ME)

It would have been obvious for one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings of Chasman, Caufield and Sudharshana to implement an application descriptor as a data structure describing current installed resources on each device to efficiently generate patches or resources for devices based on the information.

27. For claim 6, Chasman-Caufield-Sudharshana further discloses the application descriptor is stored at a network node, the network node performing administrative tasks with respect to the software application (Sudharshana, fig. 2 and 3, management server storing MIB).

28. For claim 7, Chasman-Caufield-Sudharshana further discloses the application descriptor is used for at least one of configuration, deployment of the software application (Caufield, abstract, synchronization, Sudharshana, abstract, software update over the air).

29. For claim 8, Chasman-Caufield-Sudharshana further discloses the at least one first resource, the at least one second resource and the at least one third resource are deployed to at least one of the mobile device, the middleware server and the backend server as a function of the application descriptor (Caufield, fig. 2, abstract, synchronizing application data between application server and mobile devices based on role-device-components association, Sudharshana, 3.11, deploy generated patch to MEs).

30. Claim 9 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Multer, in view of Sudharshana.

31. For claim 9, Multer discloses a computer-readable storage medium storing thereon program instructions that, when executed, cause an executing device to form a data structure for representing a distributed software application descriptor, the data structure including:

a first unique identifier for representing a software application distributed in the network (fig. 12, [0241], an object hierarchy data structure to maintain association among devices, application 1230, and application resources);

at least one second unique identifier specifying at least one computing device to participate in the software application (fig. 12, 13, [0241], device), wherein

at least one third unique identifier specifying at least one resource type; an association between each of the at least one computing device and the at least one resource type, wherein the association is formed by associating the third unique identifier with the second unique identifier (fig. 12, 13, [0241], device and resource type such as objects (folder, item, item field) for the device);

Multer does not disclose:

the first unique identifier maintains a list of unique identifiers identifying resources that are currently installed on the at least one computing device with respect to the software application; and the association is used to generate a fourth unique identifier for a resource to be installed on the at least one computing device.

However, Sudharshana discloses:

maintaining a list of unique identifiers identifying resources that are currently installed on the at least one computing device with respect to the software application (fig. 2, 3.8, Version and resource information, 3.9, Management Information Base (MIB) in the server, storing information for each mobile equipment ME (using terminal IDs—second identifiers as known in the art), and accordingly version and resource information (resource ID—third identifiers) of ME application so that patches or resources can be generated for deployment to each ME)

generating a fourth unique identifier for a resource to be installed on the at least one computing device (fig. 2, 3.11, patch generator generates a unique ID to a new patch generated—resources to be installed on the ME) and an identifier of the respective computing device (3.11, ME ID)

It would have been obvious for one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings of Multer and Sudharshana to implement an application descriptor as a data structure describing current installed resources on each device to efficiently generate patches or resources for devices based on the information.

32. Claims 10-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kjellberg, in view of Sudharshana.

33. For claim 10, Kjellberg discloses a system for administering a distributed software application including the collective behavior of a plurality of computing devices within a network comprising:

a server including a processor (fig. 1, provisioning server);
a database for storing at least one application descriptor (fig. 1, descriptor database 250), the at least one application descriptor representing an association between the distributed software application, computing devices and resources to be associated with the computing devices ([0026], application descriptor is accessed to determine which application or objects is associated with the device); and
at least one administrative module on the server, wherein the processor of the server, utilizing the at least one administrative module and the at least one application descriptor stored in the database, performs administration tasks for the application with respect to the computing devices (fig. 1, application configuration interface 280 allows administration of software applications using application descriptor database 250, using device profile database 230)

Kjellberg does not disclose explicitly that the at least one application descriptor maintains a list of unique identifiers identifying resources that are currently installed on the at least one computing device with respect to the software application.

However, Sudharshana discloses maintaining a list of unique identifiers identifying resources that are currently installed on the at least one computing device with respect to the software application (fig. 2, 3.8, Version and resource information, 3.9, Management Information Base (MIB) in the server, storing information for each mobile equipment ME, and accordingly version and resource information of ME application so that patches or resources can be generated for deployment to each ME)

It would have been obvious for one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings of Kjellberg and Sudharshana to implement an application descriptor as a data structure describing current installed resources on each device to efficiently generate patches or resources for devices based on the information.

34. For claim 11, Kjellberg-Sudharshana further discloses the administrative tasks include at least one of configuration, deployment, and updating of the distributed software application (Sudharshana, abstract, administrative task of software update over the air).

Conclusion

35. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure is included in form PTO 392.

36. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hieu Hoang whose telephone number is 571-270-1253. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Follansbee can be reached on 571-272-3964. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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